

## **MEDICAL MARIJUANA/CANNABIS TASK FORCE**

### **MEETING SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2003 @ 12 NOON**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPLEX - 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR 1010 SECOND AVENUE**

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#### **Attendees:**

The following Task Force members were in attendance: Acting Chair: Jerry Meier, Ann Shanahan-Walsh, St. Clair Adams, Larry Chaidez, Michael Bartelmo and Mike Barbee.

Staff: Lt. Cesar Solis, Ed Plank, Alison Glennon and Lisa Foster.

Summary from February 21, 2003, was approved.

#### **Chair's Opening Remarks**

Jerry opened the meeting with remarks on the status of the Task Force effort. He stated the Task Force has 3 main tasks to complete, caregiver guidelines, re-issuing the RFP and raising the needed \$25,000 in seed money.

He also mentioned that he is the central contact for the Task Force for all media requests, as was the case with Juliana. He reminded Task Force members that they should not speak on behalf of the Task Force or hold meetings on behalf of the Task Force without the full knowledge of the Task Force. He also suggested the consolidation of some of the sub-committees and consideration of whether certain activities need to be placed on hold.

#### **Patient/Education**

A request was made to update the website on current activities going on, the RFP, etc. Ed to pursue this with Community Development staff. Was discussion of including a Frequently Asked Questions section.

#### **RFP Update**

The caregiver language was discussed on how it would be implemented in the RFP. St. Clair raised concern that too many hurdles in the language could result in fewer organizations responding to the RFP. Staa is currently working on drafting the revised RFP.

It was clarified that the Police Department would prefer a phone tree system to provide card verification 24/7. This will be specified in the RFP.

## **Fund-Raising Efforts**

A flyer was developed to hand out for fund-raising events. Task Force members requested a printing of 1,000 flyers, along with self-addressed envelopes addressed to the Human Dignity Foundation. The flyers to be handed out at several upcoming events.

Ann and Jerry developing memo to Council Office to solicit their involvement in the fund-raising effort. City staff were asked to identify potential grant opportunities. Ed to pursue this initiative.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

The Patient/Doctor Sub-Committee will be sending out a letter to doctors after the ID card Program is up and running. The Law-Enforcement Sub-Committee met and discussed draft Council Resolution on PD participation in federal raids, and how the newly adopted guidelines will be incorporated in to the PD internal procedures. It was decided that the draft resolution will not be pursued, due to the fact that having PD involved in federal raids will be helpful in monitoring such situations.

There was discussion regarding Law Enforcement subcommittee concern over the PD procedures, and the PD reliance on the extensive questionnaire, including numerous medical and caregiver related questions. St. Clair made a motion to have a letter sent to the Police Chief indicating that Task Force representatives directly participate in meetings with PD representatives when the new Police procedures on Medical Use of Marijuana are defined. The motion did not carry on a 3-3-1 vote.

It was suggested that the Medical Research subcommittee suspend activity at this point, and that the law enforcement and legislative subcommittees be combined. The chair will discuss this with the involved subcommittee chairs.

## **New Business**

N/A

## **Public Comment Topics**

Insurance requirements in the RFP

Concern over Guidelines including restriction of no public smoking of cannabis

Concern that not all public comments are reflected in meeting summaries